



## Characteristics of a Reader

*“Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible.”*

**Barack Obama**

### At Stocksbridge Junior School, we are readers!

At Stocksbridge Junior School, every child is a reader.

We want all of our pupils to become fluent, confident readers who can read for information and for pleasure. Our aim is for all of our pupils to experience reading and listening to a broad variety of high-quality texts which challenge their thinking, expose them to ambitious vocabulary and inspire them to become authors through their own writing. We want our pupils to utilise their reading skills to enable them to access all parts of the curriculum throughout their time in KS2 and beyond. Through our Reading Curriculum, we want pupils to develop an appreciation of literature by a range of authors and poets. We want pupils to become life-long readers who develop positive reading habits both in and outside of school.

### As readers, we have...

- Excellent phonic knowledge and skills.
- Fluency and accuracy in reading across a wide range of contexts throughout the curriculum.
- Knowledge of an extensive and rich vocabulary.
- An excellent comprehension of texts.
- The motivation to read for both study and for pleasure.
- Extensive knowledge through having read a rich and varied range of texts.

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